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Dear Governor Cooper:

I have been practicing law since 1989, obtained a Masters in Environmental Science in the 1980s, and an LLM (Master of Laws) in Environmental Law in 2015. I am extremely troubled by hearing that you will be announcing your approval for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. I understand that there are several questions/issues that have not been addressed by Duke Energy and Dominion regarding the gas from the pipeline, such as who will get the benefit from the natural gas and other issues. The public has a right to be heard regarding these concerns, yet I am not aware that there have been any public hearings scheduled. How can the 401 permit be approved, knowing that there is public concern?

This pipeline will travel 180 miles through our state - the poorest part of our state. This pipeline will directly affect African Americans, Native Americans and those living in poverty. More than a quarter of the state's Native American population live along the project's path. And this doesn't just effect those in the path of the pipeline, it affects all North Carolinians.

Our Constitution states that North Carolina owes its citizens a mandatory and affirmative duty "to control and limit the pollution of our air and water" and to "preserve as a part of our common heritage of this State its forests, wetlands, estuaries, beaches, historical sites, open lands, and places of beauty." Thus, it is necessary, that our citizens have a say as to whether the potential impacts from the pipeline (the costs) outweigh the benefits to our people and communities.

As you are probably aware, methane leaks are typical along these pipelines and are a greater threat to climate change than CO2.

I respectfully request, even beg of you, to reconsider disallowing the 401 permit to be granted without full disclosure of important issues and without giving the people of this state an opportunity to be heard. Please do not allow this pipeline to be permitted without public input and greater consideration.

Thanking you for all you do for our state,

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